

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS ON INQUIRY

All Members Praise Work of Secretary of State, Treasurer and Insurance Department.

The committee consisted of Representatives Frank H. Faris of Phelps County, chairman; Noah W. Simpson of Lewis County, Rich R. Correll of Randolph County, Democrats; Almon Ing of Butler County and Frank M. Harr of Clark County, Republicans.

The appointment of this committee was the result of a resolution prompted by statements made in advance sheets of the biennial report of State Treasurer Edwin P. Deal, charging unusual expenditure in the conduct of the departments investigated. Later these advance sheets were very much changed and corrected in the full report of the Treasurer as much material matter had been overlooked in their compilation.

A majority of the committee declares the general management of the penitentiary at this time is better than ever before in its history.

"It is under better control," the report says, "better discipline prevails, the prisoners are better fed, they are given more liberty and their health and general welfare is better provided for than ever before."

And the committee says that all the State offices have been efficiently and economically administered and that a thorough inspection of the books of the various departments showed them to check perfectly. That all fees have been accounted for and no monies illegally expended and that extravagance had not existed, all the departments having been run with as little clerical help as was consistent with the proper administration of the State's affairs.

WHO OWN THE RAILROADS?

Time was when little Ah Sid stuck up his hand and answered teacher's question by informing that "Vanderbilt, Gould and a few others own all the railroads" and the answer was correct. Later on Wall Street held most of the proprietorship. But the Interstate Commerce Commission finds that there are now 622,284 persons owning the railroads at this time. Although the railroads have complained bitterly about new laws for their regulation, the number of stockholders has been doubled in the last ten years. It is related that it took eight thousand American soldiers to wreck a Mexican railroad at Vera Cruz, although three directors of the New Haven are supposed to have done a more thorough job here at home. But three or four United States Senators regulated the whole railroad bunch and made the properties a safe investment for honest people. At least the figures seem to bear out this conclusion.

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ORCHESTRAS COMBINE

An arrangement was effected this week whereby the Ozark Business University Orchestra and the Farmington Young People's Orchestra have been merged into one organization, under direction of Mr. William Gower. The organization will hold its rehearsals on Thursday evenings at the University, and will be in a measure identified with it, so that incoming students who may be musically inclined will have the opportunity to play with an orchestra if capable, and so the University will have an orchestra available in connection with any occasion requiring it. W. S. Moothart will continue to play first violin. Some of the young people who have been members of both organizations found it inconvenient to devote two evenings weekly to rehearsals, and as the membership was largely duplicated under two different names it was thought best to combine the two into one. Although the Farmington Young People's Orchestra has appeared only twice in public it has made a very favorable impression and promises to be quite as important a feature of the musical life of the town in its way as the famous Young People's Orchestra of St. Louis, which has long been a sort of goal for the ambitious amateur of that city to hope to reach as proficiency is demonstrated. It is Mr. Gower's idea to afford any talented young person an opportunity for self-improvement, without regard to school affiliations, and in fairness to the organization, to choose only those who prove themselves worthy. While not seeking engagements, it is the intention to fill without charge those accepted, and to accept only a few so that creditable work may be shown.

HOW A YANKEE BOY FOUND A WIFE IN THE SOUTH

In 1860 there came to Kentucky a young man from Ohio by the name of E. C. Madewell, and being highly educated, was employed to teach school in one of the extreme Southern counties of the State. During his term of school, Abraham Lincoln was elected President, and the war eagles began screaming all over the land.

Kentucky, being a pronounced Southern State, made it very dangerous and unpleasant for a Yankee boy from Ohio to live and mingle with the hot-blooded Southern Kentuckians. One night at my father's home, where this young man was residing, a committee of three "hot-bloods" walked in and informed him that he must leave the State at once or they would look for a rope. Immediately preparations were made for his departure, and at 10 o'clock he bade us all good bye and left for his Ohio home, being enraged by the gross insult he had received at the hands of his Southern friends, and fired by the patriotism for the safety of his country—he enlisted in the "Twenty-Second Ohio," one of the brave Ohio regiments that followed Generals Grant and Sherman and took an active part on the many battle fields during the Civil War. After the bloody battle of Chicamauga and Chattanooga, his regiment joined the brave "60,000" that followed

Sherman in that illustrious march to the Sea, enduring the many hardships, fighting continuously everyday during the siege while this grand army encircled the walls of Atlanta, the metropolis of Georgia. Word came to General Sherman that Captain Castleman, a Confederate officer, had made his way through the federal lines and was at his father's home near Atlanta. A trusted detail of two brave boys was sent to this beautiful Southern home with instructions to capture this brave Confederate officer, dead or alive. With such instructions, E. C. Madewell, with one of his comrades, in the stillness of the night, crept to this home and laid down in the shrubbery close to the house—one in the front and the other in the rear. Madewell took the front and laid down near the front gate. Everything was still in the house until about mid-night when he heard voices, seemingly ladies entering the parlor. In a few minutes several voices began singing that beautiful old Southern song, "Kathleen Mavourneen". As the melody of that sweet old song, accompanied by rich and well trained voices, were wafted out in the balmy Southern air, he laid there thinking of his Ohio home and his little Nellie sweetheart that had sung the same sweet song to him on their last parting. Tears trickled down his cheeks as his mind wandered back to his boyhood home, and he seemed to hear the sweet voice of his far-away Nellie. Only a few minutes and his reverie was broken by two young ladies coming out of the front door and made their way to the front gate; passing so close to him that he could have touched their dress skirts with his bayonet or his gun. They were elegantly dressed and seemed to be happy, still humming "Kathleen Mavourneen". He had not long to wait, for when they reached the gate he heard a horse gallop off and instantly knew that Captain Castleman had made his escape to the Confederate lines. In a few minutes the sister returned to the house still humming the song. At daylight he returned to his camp and reported no one was there.

After the war was over, Madewell, with thousands of others, returned to their homes to take up the many duties of life and finish their educations. Madewell entered college and became one of the finest Civil Engineers in his State, so much so that his services were sought by many of the large corporations in the construction of railroads. Especially was this true in the South—corporations backed by capital of the Northern States were greatly needed to build up and make a new South. Millions of dollars and the best intellect of the North were sent South in this great enterprise. Our young friend Madewell was engaged as a civil engineer in the construction of a railroad running into Atlanta. The Southern people who had lost all their property and had met their Northern friends on the many battle fields, now received them with that warm-hearted Southern hospitality that is known only to those who have lived and mingled with those good people. They were entertained with socials and introduced in the best circles of society; meeting the beautiful women of the South who welcomed them to their Southern homes with smiles.

Colonel Castleman, who had commanded a Georgia regiment and followed the Stars and Bars for four long years, had returned to his Southern plantation and was known throughout the land as a very wealthy planter, living only a short distance from the city of Atlanta. He entered

his Northern friends with a social. Among those who attended was our young friend, Madewell, who was looked on as being the "brains of the corps of civil engineers." On entering Colonel Castleman's home, they were gladly received and introduced to a circle of friends who had gathered to make the evening pleasant. Many beautiful ladies of the South were in attendance, especially Miss Jessie Castleman, daughter of the old Colonel, who, on entering the parlor was requested to entertain the guests with a selection of music. Taking her seat at the piano, she began playing "Kathleen Mavourneen." As her sweet rich voice shouted the beautiful words "Kathleen Mavourneen", "the grey dawn is breaking, the horn of the hunter is heard on the hill," no one was more interested than young Madewell as he sat and listened to that sweet voice, exclaiming to himself "I have heard that voice somewhere, or is it a dream—no—no—I know I have heard it." After the selection was finished, her friends insisted she should render another. Rising from her seat she said, "No, that was the song of my heart, and it had a secret that made me love it." No one was more eager to know that secret than Madewell.

On leaving the home of the Colonel that night, he asked Jessie if he might not call at some future time. Giving her consent, he returned to his home. In his dreams he heard that sweet voice and continually wondered where he had heard it. In a few days he called again to see Miss Jessie and knew the great secret that made her love "Kathleen Mavourneen" so well. She told him the story of how she had passed so close to a Yankee soldier lying wait to take the life of her brother, and how she had managed to save his life by dressing him in her clothing and aiding him to make his escape. Madewell told her he was the Yankee boy that lay in wait for her brother and was a trusted sentinel from General Sherman's army, only doing his duty as a soldier. During his stay in Atlanta his calls at the Colonel's home were frequent, and when he left for his Ohio home, it was to prepare a beautiful home in his native State for Jessie.

This is a true story, as the righter was a pupil of the school taught by Madewell in 1860 and met him often during the war, and after the war he visited my father's family.

CAPT. W. A. KENNEDY,
Farmington, Mo.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Following is the standing of the different rooms in the attendance contest at the end of the ninth week of school:

Mrs. Byington, H. S.	98.90
Mrs. Lloyd, N. ward	98.84
Miss Spauld, H. S.	98.67
Miss Cole, S. Ward	98.37
Mr. Abernathy, H. S.	98.17
Miss Halter, N. ward	97.63
Mrs. Murrill, N. ward	97.30
Mrs. Rider, N. ward	96.55
Mrs. Gruner, S. ward	96.01
Miss Sackman, S. ward	95.72
Miss Swink, S. yard	94.90
Miss Baker, Douglas	92.50
Mr. Staten, Douglas	89.02

Standing of the entire school 96.33
Miss Spauld's room made a record of 99.43 last week and stands at the head of the list for the week. Mrs. Byington's room was second with 99.02. The South ward teachers have been working diligently to raise their attendance and have made excellent progress the past week. As will be seen from the table above, Miss Cole's room has stood high all this year, and we predict that the other rooms in that ward will soon be in the

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DANIEL'S PROGRAM APPROVED

Secretary Flooded with Congratulatory Messages from Navy League.

Telegrams from chairmen of committees in 24 states and from 17 directors of the national organization of the Navy League have been received by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, congratulating him upon the administration's program of naval construction which will place the United States in a high rank among the world's naval powers within the next few years.

The congratulatory telegrams were the result of messages sent same company.

The Flat River H. S. football game scheduled here for Saturday has been canceled on account of several of Flat River's players having failed to make passing grades for the first quarter of school and only nine men of the team remaining eligible. Farmington also lost a good player or two on that account but still has several available men with good grades to fill the vacancy. A game with some other team will doubtless be arranged for Saturday.

The H. S. Girls' Basketball team will play the Flat River team in Flat River on Saturday night. The game will be called at 7 o'clock. A good game is assured, as the Flat River team is a strong one and our girls are in better condition than when they played before.

from the headquarters of the Navy League to directors and chairmen of State committees, asking for expression of opinion on the plans of the Navy Department.

Among the directors of the League who sent telegrams of congratulation to Secretary Daniels were A. B. Lambert, St. Louis; F. A. Scott, Cleveland; Francis B. Allen, Hartford, Conn.; Gov. Emmett O'Neal, Alabama.

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Looking Backward.

He was not very sober and had ridden for an hour or two in the taxi cab when the chauffeur stopped. "How much do I owe?" asked the passenger. "Eighteen shillings and sixpence, sir," was the reply. There was a pause; then: "Well, look here, driver," said the passenger, "just back up and keep going backward till you come to two shillings—it's all I've got."—London Mail.

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